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SUBJECT: INITIAL REACTIONS TO "SADAT'S PARTY"

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1. PARTIES (?) PRESS JULY 24 REPORTS CENTER PARTY AND  
RIGHT WING SOCIALIST LIBERAL PARTIES CONSIDERING THEIR  
FUTURE FOLLOWING SADAT'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL CREATE  
HIS OWN POLITICAL ORGANIZATION. FIRST INDICATIONS  
ARE THAT BOTH PARTIES WILL SEEK SHELTER UNDER PRESIDENT'S  
UMBRELLA. PAPERS NOTE SALEM'S CENTER PARTY ALREADY HAS  
ESTABLISHED COMMITTEE FOR "ENDING SOCIALIST PARTY."  
MUSTAFA KAMAL MURAD'S RIGHT WING PARTY, TOO, REPORTEDLY  
REQUESTED "MERGER" WITH SADAT. DESPITE THIS, PAPERS  
STRESS THAT NEW PARTY DOES NOT MEAN RETURN TO ONE PARTY  
SYSTEM; EGYPTIAN DEMOCRACY REQUIRES THERE BE AT LEAST  
TWO PARTIES.

2. CONSTITUTION. GUMHURIYYA PREDICTS PARLIAMENTARY  
REPUBLICAN SYSTEM WILL REMAIN AND CONSTITUTION WILL NOT BE  
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AMENDED WITH REGARD TO PRIME MINISTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES.  
PAPER OFFERS NO SUGGESTION ON WHOM WILL FILL THIS POSITION.

3. SADAT. SPEAKING TO AMBASSADOR JULY 24 SADAT INDICATED  
HIS INTENTION IS TO HAVE FIVE POLITICAL PARTIES. HE WILL  
CONVERT CENTER PARTY INTO HIS OWN ORGANIZATION. AN  
EGYPTIAN (WITH HEAVY EMPHASIS ON EGYPTIAN) LEFT WILL BE

CREATED, PREFERABLY UNDER LEADERSHIP OF  
ABDUL RAUF SHARKAWI (ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HEARD THAT HE HAS  
DECLINED HONOR). PRESIDENT WILL SEEK TO PERSUADE  
MUSTAFA KAMEL MURAD TO KEEP HIS OFFICIAL RIGHT PARTY IN  
BEING DESPITE FACT MURAD WISHES TO JOIN SADAT. PRESIDENT  
EXPECTS SOCIALIST PARTY WILL BE FORMED FROM ELEMENTS  
ACTIVE IN THIS PARTY PRIOR TO REVOLUTION. FINALLY, SADAT  
SUGGESTED THAT WITH NUMBER OF MP'S REQUIRED FOR FORMATION  
OF PARTY REDUCED TO TEN, YET ANOTHER PARTY WILL EMERGE  
FROM INDEPENDENT MP'S. PRESIDENT HINTED THAT HE HOPED  
HELMI MURAD (LATELY OF WAFD) WOULD LEAD THIS GROUP.

4. MAREI. PA SPEAKER MAREI, IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF  
JULY 22, SAID THAT WHILE HE PROBABLY WOULD NOT JOIN  
SADAT'S PARTY, HE SAW IT AS HEALTHY MOVE TO PROMOTE  
DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL SYSTEM IN EGYPT. KEY TO SUCH SYSTEM,  
HE NOTED, IS RESPONSIBLE OPPOSITION, SOMETHING WHICH HAS  
BEEN LACKING BUT WHICH IS FACILITATED BY CREATION OF  
NEW PARTY LED BY PRESIDENT. ITS FORMATION WILL PERMIT  
COALESCENCE OF NON-GOVERNMENT FORCES TO ACT AS COUNTER-  
BALANCE, EVEN THOUGH THOSE OTHER PARTIES WILL UNDOUBTEDLY  
BE IN MINORITY PA POSITION. MAREI COMMENTED DISPARATE  
ELEMENTS OF CENTER MISR PARTY HAD TOO LONG CONSTITUTED  
UNWIELDY, ESSENTIALLY MEANINGLESS MAJORITY WHICH TENDED  
TO STIFLE DEVELOPMENT OF USEFUL OPPOSITION. SPEAKER  
IMPLIED THAT HE HAD HAD CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE ON SADAT  
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IN DECIDING ON MOVE BY HIS, MAREI'S, DISCUSSIONS WITH  
PRESIDENT ON CHECKS AND BALANCES IN U.S. BODY POLITIC,  
UNDERSTANDING OF WHICH HE HAD GAINED ON HIS RECENT TRIP  
TO U.S. MAREI SAID SADAT HAD MULLED OVER QUESTION FOR  
SOME TIME AND HAD DECIDED FINALLY ON ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY  
ON DAY BEFORE SPEECH. EILTS

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